

ments. During these operations we took 186 prisoners, including eight officers. This brings up to 556 the number of prisoners taken by us yesterday in the sector.

Despite the mist and gales which prevailed along the greater portion of the front Warrant Officer Taraseon brought down his seventh enemy machine in the direction of Moisians. One of our three seagull airplanes brought down on the same day two German machines. Near Verdin Warrant Officer Sayaret brought down his fifth machine.

The British statement tonight says:

"Today the enemy shelled our front in the Heutte and the Ypres regions. Our artillery was active south of Armentières and north of Ypres."

#### British Aircraft Busy.

A number of enemy batteries were bombed yesterday by our aircraft. One hostile machine was driven down damaged. One of our machines is missing.

The German statement says:

"We have Front Army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht. In the district north of the Somme artillery activity yesterday was renewed locally. An advance of English forces north of Courcellette was easily repulsed."

French attacks in the sector of Lessines and Roncq brought about an advancement of one mile northeast of Moerbeek and in the northeast edge of St. Pierre Vaast wood. They were, however, in general repulsed sanguinely, our troops in spite of tenacious French resistance made advances in the northern part of Salla.

#### RETIREMENT EXPLAINED

**Germans Say Fort Vaux Is No Longer Worth Defending.**

BERLIN (by wireless), Nov. 2.—Fort Vaux, at Verdun, was evacuated on the night of November 1-2, in accordance with prearranged plans, according to the German military leaders, who indicated that they considered the sacrifices involved in the retirement out of proportion to the value in the present German strategic scheme.

Fort Douaumont and Vaux, it was explained, formed such a material element in the defence of Verdun as long as they remained with unimpeded armament in their hands. The Germans now believe that action is needed to cripple the fort, and once this was accomplished the ruins of the fort, with the armaments removed, possessed no such importance to the Germans, and served chiefly as targets for the French artillery.

Now that Fort Douaumont had passed into French possession Fort Vaux is no longer, in the opinion of the German leaders, justified the heavy sacrifices necessary to retain the ground about the fort, which is ill adapted to defence against attacks from the south and west. Fort Vaux was therefore abandoned and the German lines retired to positions less exposed to the French artillery.

#### TEUTONS REGAIN STOKHOD GROUND

**Take 1,530 Prisoners in Separate Assaults on Russian Positions.**

LONDON, Nov. 2.—A German counter-stroke blunted the point of the northern wing of the Russian salvoes stretched out toward Kovel' last Friday. The Russians lost positions on the right bank of the Stokhod, but south of the Pripyat marshes, wherefrom the Germans in the big Russian drive last summer.

In this attack to the Russian attempt to advance toward Kovel' the Germans announced that they took 22,000 prisoners, 1,530 being Russians and captured three machine guns and some mine throwers.

In the Carpathians the Russians also came near losing a position won just before their big advance was stopped. The Germans attacked west of Carpathian Mountains, almost to the Hungarian border, at the same time as the Russian forces passed. The Russian regiments holding the position was about to fall when its reserves rushed up and saved the day. The Russian statement says:

In the Stokhod River region near Witowitza and the villages of Mikhalovka and Aleksandrovka battles are proceeding. The first enemy attack on Witowitza and the heights above it was repulsed, but the afternoon after the attack, after a heavy artillery bombardment, launched a fourth attack and captured our advanced trenches on the western bank of the Stokhod south of Witowitza.

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Gen. Sakkároff came into prominence during the successful Russian advance in Galicia last summer. It was he who captured Brod late in July. Sakkároff is the third general the Allies have sent to help Romania. He holds a Presidential and Gen. Bladyan, a Russian, are in charge of the defense of the northern passes.

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